FEEBLE-MINDED PRESENT GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEM

Experts at National Charities Conference Discuss Question.

Indianapolis, May 15-Two of the principal papers read today at the National Conference of Charities and Correction were: "Danger of Classiting as Merely Backward Children who are Feeble-Minded," by Dr. Geo. E Bliss, Superintendent of the Indiana School for Feeble-Minded Youth, at Samuel Ind., and "Stimulating Public Interest in the Feeble-Mind-ed," by E. R. Johnstone, superintendent of a training school at Vineland,

Dr. Bliss described stupid children, who have, with charitable good will, been so often supposed to be able to take care of themselves but who are really likely to commit grave crimes. York supreme court. The doctor called such children, "mis-Douglas and Wit minded the better.

feeble-minded, I have never heard one otherwise aid cripples. of them blame himself for what he

practices, which they are only too ready to teach other children."

be recognized at once.

"The almshouses and orphanages, the reformatory and penal institutions, the villages for epileptics and hospitals for the insane should be surveyed and the presence of the feeble-minded called to the attention of the citizens. The survey work should take into account hereditary and envirenmental conditions and search for the cause if prevalent diseases.

LOAFING ON DOCK, TELLS POLICE HE'S

A second clean-up of the Water street vagrants by Policemen Barton and Wheeler, staged Saturday afternoon following announcement that work would be obtained for all who desired it sankted in every stage. work would be obtained for all who desired it, resulted in seven vagrants being hated before Judge F. A. Bartlett today in the city court. When arrested several of the prisoners deciared they were union men and demanded that they be paid at the rate of 33 per day. They said they were hard working men. When questioned one, charged with being a vagrant, asserted that he went to sleep on the dock Sunday morning that he might be near the river when the fish were running. Another could not account running. Another could not account for his working proclivities when a shoe and sock were found to be absent from his feet. Sentences ranging from 15 to 30 days in the county jail were imposed.

Pugnacious Earwigs. Observation has disclosed that earwigs are quarrelsome creatures and always ready to use their nippered tails against each other upon the slightest provocation. When any light suddenly falls upon them congregated at the sugar some are more scared than the others and scuttle past them, when each earwig which they nearly touch in flight will savagely swing back its tall and nip to the air with fury. metimes the blow falls upon a neigh bor, who instantly retaliates, and half a dozen furious nips are rapidly interchanged. But fighting weight quickly settles the quarrel, the smaller earwig scuttling off and the larger pursuing him for half an inch, running blindly backward and reaching savagely to right, and left with his nippers. Yet these same carwigs, so vindictive at meals, will be crammed, all sizes to gether, into any hole or crack by day, and they must be very gentle with each other then, for among them you may find some that have just cast their skins, snow white, soft and help

The Fastest Swimmers. Few people have any idea of the rapid pace attained by some fish. The aphin and porpoise are perhaps the swiftest of all. The latter fish has been seen to dart round and round a steamer proceeding at between seventeen and eighteen miles an hour. Probably a bonito (a fish of the mackerel family) at its best could move for some distance at forty miles an hour. Salmon, too, and trout swim very fast, particularly when accomplishing their annual spawning migration upstream Herrings in shouls move at a steady ten or twelve miles, but mackerel much faster. Whales, though not fish, can swim at a great speed. When excited they will dash along at as much as sev enteen miles an hour, but ordinarily four or five miles an hour is their Seals, again, are much more speedy, and certain eastern water snakes glide along at terrific velocities

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER.

LEGLESS SOCIETY OFFICERS HAULED TO SUPREME COURT

Tricked Into Taking Officerships, Say Witmark and Douglas.

FOUNDER, EX-DRIVER: ACCOUNTING IS ASKED

Bernhardt's Name Used Without Authority by Organization to Aid Cripples.

Charles Noel Douglas, an author and Julius P. Witmark, a music publisher, have resigned as president and vice president, respectively, of the Cripples' Welfare society, saying that they were tricked into accepting officerships in the organization. Also they have taken the strife that seems to have rent the society into the New

Douglas and Witmark obtained fits" and "clogs in the machinery of from Justice Bijur yesterday an or-social adjustment" and said that the der directing George Washington Rysooner they were discovered and se-gregated in institutions for the feeble-manager, and Austin S. Ryder, execded the better.

eaking of some of the almost unbelievable crimes they commit, Dr. the property and libalities of the so-ciety, of which Ryder was the foun-"In an experience with more than der. The organization's purpose is to 1,000 of this particular grade of the buy crutches and artificial limbs and

It is also intimated on information and belief that the name of Mme.

in which they are permitted to grow ing the signature of G. W. Ryder, Indian who knows the exact day of teaches in Sheffield Scientific school. up, to live, and to reproduce their were sent out, bearing the ostensible his birth. Most Indians figure they se children are often the butt society by William Days We was a way

Mr. Douglas called these circumness really means, what causes it, how efforts to have G. W. Ryder bring the throughout the country was first advofar it is inheritable, just what part alcoholism, tuberculosis, etc., play in it, what effect faulty metabolism has, what part the different grades or types of the feeble-minded may safely have in community life.

"We need methods." he said. "by which the feeble-minded may be easily recognized. We need places many be them—where children may be studied and examined so that those lished a newspaper account to the lished a newspaper account to the who are feeble-minded may be so de-clared and steps be taken for their protection and care and those who including myself as vice presidents. I are questionable, but are normal, may never gave him permission to use my name after my resignation as presi-

Ryder had been driver of a milk wagon and after he lost a leg became salesman for a manufacturer of ar-

It is alleged that last fall and winter several notes were made in the name of the society, some to Austin S. Ryder, who is the father of G. W. Ryder, and one each to two brothers.

ples' Welfare society said that reports over the present numbers, placed the receipts from the concert at \$547, of which \$188 went for "mis-

duced Mr. Douglas and Mr. Witmark FIRE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Moncion, N. B., May 15-The business district was the scene of a fire which caused a loss of \$1,250,000. Four wooden warehouses of Sumner & Company, hardware dealers, and three buildings, occupied by the Reed Company, wholesale grocers, were

O-Kop-O-Nee, 101, Father of Indian Day



O-Kop-O-Nee, centenarian of the of them biame himself for what he had done. The most unbelievable debauchery and vice that some of them bauchery and vice that some of them pears as a vice president, was used are capable of, renders them most dangerous members of any community dangerous members of any community last summer letterheads, containties the way, probably is the only living the way, probably is the only living Indian who knows the exact day of may and often do come from the worst environments. Under such conditions it is to be expected that they have bad and victous habits and they have been issued for the North prominent of the stone for the blackfoot tribe, chiseled a head-will be graduated. Mr. Hamilton the stone for the cate, May 13, 1815; hence on May 13, national Indian day, Cards have been issued for the North prominent of the stone for the chief's grave, and on it is stone for the cated twenty years ago by O-Kop-O-

MANY AT OPENING OF TWO WEEKS' MISSION

Large congregations attended the opening services, yesterday, of the two weeks' mission at the Holy Rosary Italian R. C. church, which is being conducted by Rev. Roberti Bia-sotti of New York. - This week will be for the women, and the last week for the men.

The Forty Hours' devotion which opened yesterday at St. Patrick's R. C. church was largely attended. Wor-shippers thronged the church yesterday afternoon and last evening. The devotion will come to a close Tuesday morning with a high mass.

VOTE FOR SEVEN M. E. BISHOPS

The-War Department bought 112 Mrs. F. Labrecque. cellaneous debts," and \$338 to a "Mr. 3,000 pound motor trucks to reinforce Smith," who it was said was Ran- Gen. Pershing's truck train in Mexico.

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dolph Wilford Smith, who had in-SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Some 50 graduates of the Fannie A Smith Froebel Training school and the members of the Senior and Junior classes of the school attended the annual luncheon of the Alumnae association on Saturday afternoon, at which Ellis Parker Butler, the well known author, gave delightful readings from his own writings. Apple blossoms were used to decorate the school rooms where the buffet luncheon was served. The officers of the organization, biennially chosen, have another year to serve. They are Miss Susie Andrews, president; Miss Ada Woodruff, first vice president; Mrs. Harriet Barnes of Meriden, second vice president: Miss Florence Hawley, secretary, and Miss Louise Hoyt,

The Pathfinder Girls will hold the first public organization of their work on Thursday, May 25, at the Casino. A number of folk dances are being prepared for the event. The Pathfinder Girls were organized last fall to take the place of the Camp Fire Girls which had hitherto been very strong here. The symbol of the organization is an arrow signifying the straight and true course. Several hundred girls between 12 and 17 compose its membership.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Jane Roessler, daughter of Col. and Mrs. S. W. Roessler of Black Rock to Dr. Joseph Sumner Bates of New Maven. Miss Roessler is prominent in local society. The engagement of Miss Hazel Felty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Felty of New Haven to John De-Forest, son of Judge and Mrs. Robert DeForest of 938 State street has been

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mamilton and These children are often the butt of ridicule of the class, laughed at and teased by the other children who and teased by the other children who like to see them get mad. They are frequently precoclous sexually, and often do come from the

Cards have been issued for the New York recital of Mrs. Susan Hawley dred and first birthday. It is a coin- Davis, vocal pupils which will be held the artists appearing on the excelready to teach other children."

Mr. Johnstone pointed out the necessity of knowing what feeble-rainded stated that he had made unsuccessful red men to celebrate simultaneously at 8:30 o'clock. A number of Bridgered men to delebrate simultaneously at 8:30 o'clock. A number of Bridge-throughout the country was first advo-

> While entertaining the members of the Industrious club, Thursday evening, Miss Alice Labrecque of 212 Denver avenue, who is to be married, in June, to Wilfred Poissant of Stratford, was pleasantly surprised by the sudden arrival of a number of girl friends who "showered" valuable miscellaneous gifts.

> A very pleasant evening was spent in singing, and in playing games. Piano and vocal selections were rendered by the Misses Paradis, Garand and Thibault.

Luncheon was served and the guests departed wishing the bride-tobe the best of fortune. The members of the Sewing club

are the Misses Marguerite and Edith Ryder, and one each to two brothers.
Last March Austin S. Ryder sued the society for \$1,386 on these notes. Mr. Douglas and Mr. Witmark also told about a benefit concert given at the Hotel Biltmore, at which Mme.
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New Haven, May 15—The Connecticute of the Methodist property in the present numbers. Gerstenmaler, Mrs. J. Poissant and

Financial as well as artistic success



attended the concert given yesterday afternoon in Polits theatre by the Alumnae Association of Lauralton Hall, Milford, to raise funds for the erection of a new building at the prominent boarding school.

Because of the generosity of Mr. Poll, who gave the use of his theatre for the affair and that of the prominent musicians who contributed their daughter, Miss Bethesda Hamilton services, a Jarge sum was realized. will be the guests of Stuart Hamilton, Miss Norma Weber, Miss Margaret Hogan, Robert Clarke, Lorenzo P Oviatt, all formerly of the North church choir and Elmer S. Joyce, organist and director of the First Presbyterian church, Louis B. Wegge, violinist, and pupils of Baroness Litta von Elsner of New York were lently rendered program.

> Jude and Mrs. Henry C. Stevenson of 57 Coleman street, welcomed a daughter, their second child, at their home this morning. Mrs. Stevenson and daughter are progressing favor-

Entertainment and Concert to Be Given By Brotherhood

On Monday evening, May 22nd, the ives., will give a concert and entertainment at 8 o'clock. The program ship and was completed in 1861. The that has been arranged will be a treat to all who attend. Tickets will be on sale at the door or may be obtained of any of the Brotherhood members.

On Tuesday evening, at the regu

bault, and Rosanna Labrecque, Mrs. Freedom was formed here yesterday at a mass meeting held in one of the ocal theatres. The 3,000 or more Trishmen and women present practically all joined the branch. Prominent in his object, but the magazine later Irish speakers were present from New York and other cities. of the association is to make Ireland free from English rule and to promote home rule propaganda. permanent officers elected were: President, Philip J. Sullivan, Thompsonville; secretary, ex-Senator Michael J. Quinn. New Haven; treasurer, James P. Landers, New Haven; executive committee by counties, Fairfield, M. J. Clabby; New Haven, Timothy Luddy; Hartford, Thomas J. Smith; Litchfield, Dr. T. F. Ryan; New London, Thomas E. Donaghue; Middlesex, and Tolland, P. J. Murray.

FRENCH DIRIGIBLE, AFIRE, FALLS INTO SEA

Paris, May 15-The dirigible baloon which is reported from Toulon to have fallen into the sea off the Sardinian coast, belonged to the French navy. An official statement issued to-day says that the balloon caught fire from an unexplained cause while flying over the Mediterranean last Fri-The remains of the envelope have been towed ashore at Toulon The bodies of the six persons aboard have been recovered. The fate of the remaining two is unknown but it was fared that they also were lost.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS GATHER FOR REUNION

Birmingham, Ala., May 15-This city was thronged with Confederate veterans and visitors here to participate in the twenty-sixth annual Confederate reunion which begins to-

morrow General Bennet H. Young of Louisville, Ky., commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and his chief of staff, General W. E. Mickel, of New Orleans, have arrived as have most of the department commanders, true? sponsors, maids and matrons of

SHOW HOW TO PACK EXPORTS.

New York, May 15-Methods of packing and shipping American goods that every man will do his duty." An for export so as to satisfy purchasers English writer says: be demonstrated during the annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers which began here today. American methods of preparing goods for shipment have aroused criticism abroad and the man-L. SILVERSTONE, 978 East Main Street. SCHNEIDER & JACOBSON, 1150 Stratford Avenue. ufacturers hope to eliminate this impediment to the development of the export trade.

PRESIDENT HOME FROM CRUISE.

Washington, May 15-President and Mrs. Wilson returned this morning on board the naval yacht Mayflower from their week-end cruise down the

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Query and Department

What is rhubarb, a vegetable or fruit? Watermelon? Pumpkin? Rhubarb is an herb. Watermelon is fruit. Pumpkin is a vegetable.

olad warship built? When and where was the first submarine actually used in warfare, and was a United States warehip blown up by such a boat at Charlesten during the civil war? Ironclad is the name given to a naval

vessel wholly or partly cased with iron plates. It was given before the days of modern steel battleships. The experience of the British and French fleet before Sevastapol during the Crimean war demonstrated the need of armor for battleships. The French at once began to build five armor plated vessels, and the British followed soon after. In 1859 a belt of armor was fitted to a wooden vessel renamed La Gloire, and she was the first armorclad warship. In June, 1859, the Brit-Brotherhood of Memorial Baptist ish government began the construc-church, Maplewood and Howard tion of the armor plated all iron frigate Warrior. She was the first iron war-Nemesis, an iron vessel, not a battleship, had been engaged in 1842 in the Chinese war.

The earliest attempts at a submarine craft began early in the seventeenth Burby, Rosamond Poissant, Berna- lar meeting of the Brotherhood, May century. The earliest success which dette and Cecille Proulx, Stella, Agnes 23rd, they will give a Mock Trial has been chronicled was that of 1620, and Josephine Thibault, Alice and an invitation to all men and boys is when a Dutch natural philosopher. Cornells van Drebbel, built a boat which could be submerged. The first undoubted success was secured by the American engineer Bushnell in 1775 with a turtle-like craft, worked by one man. During the war of independence a boat of this kind was submerged below the British warship Eagle, and the operator tried to attach a magazine containing fifteen pounds of gunpowder to her bottom planking. He failed exploded some distance from the ship.

One of the first submarines of mechanical power was the French Plongeur, built in 1863 from designs by Brun. During the civil war the Confederates built a number of cigar shaped boats, some worked by hand and some by steam, which were armed with torpedoes. They were known as Davids on the account of their size as compared with battleships. In 1864 a hand worked one attacked the Federal ship Housatonic and sank her by means of a spar torpedo, though the submarine herself was sunk in the operation. This occurred at Charleston,

Please tell something about the Bulgarian language.

The Bulgarian language is spoken by nearly 5,650,000 people. It belongs to the southern group of Slavic languages and shows the influence of Turkish, Albanian, Servian and Roumanian. It has a great variety of dialects, which fall into three main groups-the southern Thracian, Rhodopian and western Macedonian.

How many cities and towns in the Inited States have a Washington

More than 800. Among the larger cities that have a Washington street are Baltimore, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburgh, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Paul, Syracuse, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Indianapolis.

I have read somewhere that Lord Nelson's famous signal to his fleet before going into battle was changed on him by somebody and made to read "England expects every man to do his duty" before being displayed. Is that

According to the historical record, the signal that Nelson hoisted at the head of his fleet before meeting the enemy at the battle of Trafalgar on Oct. 21, 1805, read, "England expects

"It is said that the famous signal vas to have been worded, 'Nelson conides that every man will do his duty, and that his own name was replaced that of England on the suggestion one of his officers. The use of his ame was an inspiration and an appea has would have been perfectly con istent with his tone at all times, but e agreed to the alteration with the fildence of a man to whom self and ountry were one at that hour. The ord 'expects' was substituted for onfides that' because the signal office ointed out to Nelson that the phrasconfides that' would have to be spei ed out letter by letter on a long strin;

In less than two hours after the his toric signal was holsted Nelson received his death wound, and his last words before dying on shipboard were, "I have done my duty."

Will water boil on top of Pike's peak? If not, why not? What latitude is it in which water will not boil? Water will boil anywhere on the earth's surface with sufficient heat.

Please tell me what you can about the northern lights, or the agrama

borealis.

Aurora borealis is the name given to a luminous phenomenon occasionally seen in the north temperate zone and frequently in the polar regions. In is said to be due to the passage of electricity through the rarefled air of the arctic sone. The name "aurora borealis" was first used by Cassendi, who in 1621 observed one in France and wrote a description of it. The aurora is periodic in its manifestations. the finest displays being at intervals of sixty years and less marked ones at intervals of ten or eleven years. It is also asserted that these greater and lesser displays correspond with the increase and decrease of spots on the

Who were the twelve apostles? Are the terms apostles and disciples syn-

enymous? The terms are not exactly synonymous, a disciple being a pupil, learner or follower, and an apostle being a messenger or one sent forth to preach. The apostles were selected from among the disciples, and Luke vi, 13, says "He called unto him his disciples, and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." The twelve thus chosen were Simon Peter, his brother Andrew, the brothers James and John (sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, son of Aleus, and his son or brother Jude Simon and Judas Iscariot. Later the eleven apostles chose Matthias by lot to take the place of Judas Iscarlot. These were the twelve apostles or disciples, but the term apostle is often applied to some others who were not of the original twelve, as the spostie

Is there a Mexican national hymn? There is a Mexican national hymn-"Mexicanos, al Grito de Guerra" ("Mexicans, at the cry of war"). It is a spirited air and popular both as a song and an instrumental piece.

Are ships of any size or kind raquired to pay tell in passing through the Suez canal now or have they been at any previous time?

It is open to use by all nations, but never without toll. The rates have been changed several times since the canal was opened, in 1869, and are now 75 cents a ton for vessels with cargo and 25 cents a ton for vessels bal-

government land and becomes naturalized in Canada, what would he have to do to become a citizen of the United States again?

If a citizen of the United States takes

He would have to be naturalized the same as a person of foreign birth.

How old is the world supposed to be? What is meant by the prehisteric

period? The age of the world implies fixing

the date of the creation, and scientists do not attempt to do that beyond saying that it must be reckoned by millions of years. Many Bibles are printed with the year 4004 B. C. in the margin of the first chapter of Genesis, indicating that as the date of the creation of the world. It is only within comparatively recent times that aclence has demonstrated beyond doubt that the world existed millions of years before the period formerly assigned as the date of the creation and that its occupancy by man covers a period hundreds of times as long as that formerly accepted as the age of the world itself. (2) The prehistoric period means the period antedating written history, human records by means of hieroglyphics which, as now known, reach back far beyond the perlod formerly accepted as the date of the creation of the world.

Please tell me what uniforms Mexican soldiers wear, both federals and

The regulars usually wear either a blue cloth or white linen uniform, with blue or white cap. One of the artillery regiments has a blue uniform with red facings and a brass belimet. Some regiments went the national sombrere and sometimes a basin shaped straw hat. The rebels or Constitutionallsts, as they call themselves, have no particular uniform.